

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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**DOCKET NO. 12-055**

**v.**

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**SECTION: "A"**

**LARRY COLLINS  
KEVIN LAROUSSE  
RICHARD AUTIN  
WOODY COLLINS**

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**FACTUAL BASIS**

Should this matter have gone to trial, the Government would have proven beyond a reasonable doubt, through testimony and tangible exhibits, including the testimony of Inspectors of the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), the following to support the allegations charged by the Government in the two count Bill of Information now pending against the defendants, **LARRY COLLINS, WOODY COLLINS, KEVIN LAROUSSE and RICHARD AUTIN.**

Newpark Resources, Inc. is a company that provides drilling fluids, site access, and environmental products and services to the oil and gas exploration and production industry. Mid-South is a company, based in Golden Meadow, that provides contract laborers to Newpark's Port Fourchon facility.

Defendant **RICHARD AUTIN** was the facilities manager at Newpark's Port Fourchon facility. Defendants **LARRY COLLINS**, **WOODY COLLINS** and **KEVIN LAROUSSE** were the owners and operators of Mid-South.

Between 2003 and 2009, **LARRY COLLINS** and **KEVIN LAROUSSE** entered into an unlawful agreement with **RICHARD AUTIN** whereby Mid-South would employ **RICHARD AUTIN'S** wife and son. In return, **RICHARD AUTIN** would allow **LARRY COLLINS** and **KEVIN LAROUSSE** to bill Newpark for fraudulent time based on fictitious employees to cover the cost of his family's salaries.

**KEVIN LAROUSSE** received weekly time sheets from **RICHARD AUTIN** for Mid-South employees who had done legitimate work at Newpark. **LARRY COLLINS** and **KEVIN LAROUSSE** would then add four or five fictitious names to the time sheets with the knowledge and approval of **RICHARD AUTIN**. **LARRY COLLINS** and **KEVIN LAROUSSE** would then provide invoices, reflecting the altered time sheets, to **RICHARD AUTIN**.

**RICHARD AUTIN** would then send the invoices, based on the altered time sheets, to Newpark for payment using Federal Express. For example, on or about September 30, 2008, the defendants caused a fraudulent invoice in the amount of \$28,096.50 to be mailed to and paid by Newpark. In all, Newpark paid approximately \$310,805.65 to Mid-South in fraudulent billing to cover the cost of the salaries of **RICHARD AUTIN's** family members.

Furthermore, defendant **WOODY COLLINS**, aware of the unlawful agreement between his co-defendants, failed to notify any authority and affirmatively concealed the conspiracy by

continuing to process and file false and fraudulent invoices in the records of Mid-South during his employment.

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LARRY COLLINS Defendant	Date
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RICHARD AUTIN Defendant	Date
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WOODY COLLINS Defendant	Date
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